

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections. Signed on March 2, 2004. (Public Law 108–203).

S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans. Signed on March 2, 2004. (Public Law 108–204).

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MARCH 4, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion, to hold oversight hearings to examine the development of a national animal identification plan, 2 p.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the General Accounting Office, the Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, 11 a.m., SD–116.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold open and closed hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements (closed in SH–219), 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine compensation, benefits, and health care for active and Reserve military personnel and their families in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rhonda Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services, Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of

Transportation, W. Douglas Buttrey, of Tennessee, and Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the Energy Information Administration (EIA) Annual Energy Outlook 2004 forecast regarding the supply, demand, and price projections for oil, natural gas, nuclear, coal and renewable sources, including commercial and market perspectives on the state of oil and natural gas markets, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine new nuclear power generation in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 2144, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2005, for the Peace Corps for fiscal year 2005 through 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal year 2005, S. 2096, to promote a free press and open media through the National Endowment for Democracy, S. 2127, to build operational readiness in civilian agencies, Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on November 6, 2003, together with a Protocol and an exchange of notes (the “Convention”) (Treaty Doc. 108–14), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Colombo on March 14, 1985, together with an exchange of notes, signed at Washington on September 20, 2002 (the “Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 108–09), the Protocol Additional to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America, with annexes, signed at Vienna June 12, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 107–07), and the nominations of Feliciano Foyo, of Florida, and Robert Hurley McKinney, of Indiana, each to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting, Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, and Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, each to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Political Director for the United States Presidency of the G–8, and Sanford Gottesman, of Texas, Diane M. Ruebling, of California, C. William Swank, of Ohio, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Richard S. Williamson, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of democracy in Hong Kong, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.